

Lesson 13

Definitions

10th Grade



1.	acrimonious	ak ruh MONE ee us	caustic
	Synonyms >>		
	The prisoner of war had acrimonious remarks for those that mistreated him.		
	Derivatives >>	acrimony, acrimoniously, acrimoniousness	
2.	connotation	kon o TAY shun	the nonliteral, associative meaning of a word; the implied meaning
	Synonyms >>		
	I do not know the connotation you intended when you used that word.		
	Derivatives >>		
3.	mundane	mun DANE	ordinary, commonplace
	Synonyms >>		
	After I take care of these mundane matters, we can do something exciting.		
	Derivatives >>	mundanely, mundaneness, mundanity	
4.	ominous	OM uh nus	threatening
	Synonyms >>	fateful, portentous	
	The ominous clouds were harbingers of the tornado.		
	Derivatives >>	ominously, ominousness	
5.	petulance	PECH uh luns	unreasonable touchiness or irritability
	Synonyms >>		
	Petulance is sometimes the trait of a child who is not getting his way.		
	Derivatives >>	petulant, petulancy, petulantly	
6.	pompous	POM pus	exaggerated show of dignity or self-importance, bombastic
	Synonyms >>	ostentatious, pretentious	
	It is very pompous of him to believe that his ideas should always receive the first consideration.		
	Derivatives >>	pomp, pomposity, pompously, pompousness	
7.	precocious	preh KOE shus	exceptionally early in development or occurrence
	Synonyms >>		
	A child prodigy is a young person who is very precocious.		
	Derivatives >>	precociousness, precosity, precociously	
8.	slothful	SLOTH ful	lazy, indolent
	Synonyms >>	bovine	
	That student is so slothful that he has never done any of his homework assignments.		
	Derivatives >>	slothfully, slothfulness, sloth	
9.	verbose	ver BOSE	wordy, very talkative
	Synonyms >>		
	That professor is so verbose that it takes him an hour to cover material that should take fifteen minutes.		
	Derivatives >>	verbosely, verboseness, verbosity	
10.	virulent	VIR yuh lunt	extremely poisonous; hateful
	Synonyms >>		
	The doctor prescribed a lot of medication to arrest the virulent infection.		
	Derivatives >>	virulence, virulently	

Matching Test

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Directions: Choose the definition that best matches the meaning of the vocabulary word. Place the answer of your choice in the space provided.

Exercise A

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| _____ 1. | acrimonious | a. | exceptionally early in development or occurrence |
| _____ 2. | connotation | b. | ordinary, commonplace |
| _____ 3. | mundane | c. | the implied or suggested meaning of a word |
| _____ 4. | ominous | d. | exaggerated show of dignity or self-importance |
| _____ 5. | petulance | e. | unreasonable touchiness or irritability |
| _____ 6. | pompous | f. | wordy, very talkative |
| _____ 7. | precocious | g. | lazy, indolent |
| _____ 8. | slothful | h. | extremely poisonous; hateful |
| _____ 9. | verbose | i. | threatening |
| _____ 10. | virulent | j. | caustic |

Exercise B

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| _____ 1. | aloof | a. | the use of slang or informalities in writing |
| _____ 2. | colloquial | b. | self-centered, selfish |
| _____ 3. | daunt | c. | strongly opinionated in an unwarranted manner |
| _____ 4. | dogmatic | d. | double-dealing, hypocrisy |
| _____ 5. | duplicity | e. | to intimidate, to dismay |
| _____ 6. | egocentric | f. | to mix or to join (usually by melting) |
| _____ 7. | fuse | g. | to withdraw or to repudiate a statement or belief |
| _____ 8. | pacifistic | h. | apart, indifferent |
| _____ 9. | prologue | i. | opposed to war or use of force |
| _____ 10. | recant | j. | introductory remarks in a speech, play or literary work, introductory action |

Sentence Completion Test

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acrimonious	connotation	mundane	ominous	petulance
pompous	precocious	slothful	verbose	virulent

1. The ex-spouses seldom talked to each other, and when they did, they used caustic, _____ language that expressed their anger.
2. We were all sick of his _____ attitude of thinking that he was so much better than the rest of us.
3. The _____ child began to read before the age of five and was always several years ahead of his peers.
4. Several types of medicine were prescribed in order to stop the _____ infection, which could easily have caused his death.
5. It took the _____ girl three hours to clean her room; she had left it cluttered for so long that it was a wonder she finished in only three hours.
6. His job became so routine and _____ that he longed for something exciting and unusual.
7. A rising tide and increasing winds are both _____ signs of an approaching hurricane.
8. Because of her _____ and irritability, the young girl was not always pleasant to be around.
9. The speaker was so _____ that her speech lasted forty minutes longer than it should have.
10. I did not understand the _____ you intended when you used that word. It implied something very different to me.

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aloof	colloquial	discord	dogmatic	duplicity
egocentric	fuse	immutable	prologue	recant

11. When I accused him of _____, he demanded proof of his double-dealing.
12. Because term papers require formal writing, English teachers do not accept papers that contain _____ expressions.
13. That family is continually fighting and arguing; I have never seen such _____ among relatives.
14. Having to deal with _____ people who think of only themselves is the most disgusting aspect of this job.
15. His _____ remarks were biased; even though they were based on little evidence, he spoke them with the conviction of a fanatic.
16. The first fight in the valley was but a _____ to one hundred years of war.
17. When the publisher discovered his error, he was anxious to _____ his previous statement.
18. It is a good idea to remain _____ from people who use drugs; it is safer not to be their friends.
19. With his skilled hands, the silversmith began to _____ the two pieces of metal into one beautiful shape.
20. The man's _____ faith in God could not be shaken; he was firm in his convictions.